



2017 Summer Schedule

Warner Park Nature Center is open Tuesday-Saturday:
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open 7 days a week from sunrise to 11 p.m.

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Program Registration:

<http://www.nashville.gov/News-Media/Calendar-of-Events.aspx>



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Something for Everyone this Summer!

Hike the STORYWALK trail and read the newest book selection.

Prepare for a SUMMER CAMPOUT with The North Face.

Take on the MUD CHALLENGE.

Mark your calendar for the TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE on August 21.

FLOAT YOUR BOAT on the Little Harpeth River.

WALK THROUGH HISTORY along the historic Natchez Trace.



All of these **free** programs and more await you at the Nature Center this summer. Registrations can be made online at the [Nashville Events Calendar](#). No internet? You may still register by calling 615-352-6299.

JUNE

Forest Bathing

Saturday,
June 3
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults,
18+
[Online registration](#)
opens May 19



Shinrin-yoku, or *forest bathing*, means "taking in the forest atmosphere". Developed in Japan, the process involves soaking up the sights, smells, and sounds of nature to promote physiological and psychological health. Join us for a deliberate morning of quiet reflection in the forest. Leaders: Nerissa Aquino and Melissa Donahue

National Trails Day Workday

Saturday,
June 3
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Age level: Adults
[Online registration](#)
is open

Bring a friend and join us for a walking workday in the Parks as we celebrate our great trails and team up to improve them for all to enjoy. Leaders: Paul Fowler









Summer Storywalk Reveal

Saturday,
June 3
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not
required

It's time to reveal our new StoryWalk® book! Bring your little ones and discover what story we have chosen for summer! This is an "on-your-own" activity along a short, looped trail (the Little Acorn Trail). StoryWalk is accessible behind the Nature Center during Park hours, sunrise-11 p.m. Coordinator: Rachel Koch

Celebrate National Trails Day: Hike the Historic Natchez Trace	Saturday, June 3 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: Adults, 13+ Online registration opens May 19	Walk in the footsteps of American Indians, French fur traders, pioneer families, and bandits on the historic Natchez Trace where it winds through Warner Parks. Leader: Heather Gallagher	
Celebrate National Trails Day: Hike the Old Roadway	Saturday, June 3 1:30-3:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Online registration opens May 19	Enjoy a leisurely stroll on this 2-mile paved loop in Edwin Warner Park. Leader: Heather Gallagher	
Become a Naturalist	Wednesday, June 7 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Online registration opens May 24	Hone your naturalist skills using tools of the scientist: nets, magnifying glasses, microscopes, binoculars and more will be available to explore the Nature Center grounds. Leaders: Nature Center Staff	
Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, June 9 7-11 p.m.	Age level: All ages Tickets may be purchased through nowplayingnashville.com	This laid-back, family-friendly fundraiser features Middle Tennessee's finest bluegrass music under the light of a full moon. Musicians and music lovers alike are invited to enjoy this beloved Nashville tradition in one of its most beautiful settings: Warner Parks. All funds raised by the Pickin' Parties go directly toward protecting the Parks as well as funding educational programs and special projects. For more information visit: www.warnerparks.org . Coordinators: Friends of Warner Parks	
Take the Mud Challenge	Saturday, June 10 1-2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Online registration opens May 26	Welcome back the water and mud at Nature Play! Discover the world of mud – from creatures that use mud to make their nests to animals that live in the mud. Work together and complete fun mud challenges to become the ultimate muddy wonder. Leader: Rachel Anderson	
Celebrate Flag Day with Red, White, and Blue	Wednesday, June 14 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Online registration opens May 30	Let's go on a scavenger hunt to see how many things we can find that are red, white, or blue. Honor the American and Tennessee flags as we search for these colors in nature on a short hike. We'll finish off our celebration with a small craft. Leaders: Nature Center Staff	
In Search of... BIRDS	Friday, June 16 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age Level: All ages Registration not required	Drop in any time between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to discover the fascinating world of birds. Search for swallows nesting near the Nature Center, robins bathing in the creek, and the amazing birds that make Warner Park their home in the summer. Leader: Rachel Anderson	
Grand Outings: Festive Fireflies	Friday, June 16 6:30-8 p.m.	Age level: 2-6 years accompanied by a grandparent Online registration opens June 1	Discover the wonder of fireflies rising out of Park hollows through story, exploration and hands-on activities. Pack a summer picnic supper, make a date with a Grand Person in your life, and join us for this special evening event. Limit 2 grandchildren per adult. Leader: Melissa Donahue	

Avoiding Summer Hazards

Saturday, June 17
10-11:30 a.m.



Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 2

Ticks, chiggers, and poison ivy – oh NO! Don't let these things scare you away from enjoying the great outdoors-- just learn how to avoid or treat them! Join us for some words of advice about these and more summer hazards.
Leader: Rachel Koch

Summer Safari



Wednesday, June 21
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 6

It's time for a Summer Safari! We will be on the lookout for Warner Park's Big Five. Bring your sense of adventure, your keen eyes and a thirst for exploration. It's a great way to start the summer.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff

Proclaiming the Summer Sun at The Parthenon

Wednesday, June 21
10-11 a.m.



Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 6

Meet at The Parthenon to learn about the upcoming total solar eclipse happening this August. Join Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society with solar-filtered telescopes, energy experts from Lightwave Solar, create solar art with the Frist Center for the Visual Arts and learn from Nature Center staff during this celebration of the Sun.
Leaders: Nature Center and The Parthenon Staff

Breeding Bird Walk



Thursday, June 22
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
[Online registration](#) is open

It is officially summer and prime breeding and nesting time for many of our Warner Park birds. Join us for a leisurely 2 mile walk as we look and listen for summer birds.
Leaders: Sandy Bivens and BIRD volunteers

In Search of... POND LIFE

Friday, June 23
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required



Drop in any time between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to explore the Nature Center's big and little ponds. Search for critters like tadpoles, frogs and insects that thrive in the water, algae, and even the muck!
Leader: Kim Bailey

Friday Family Progressive Campfire

Friday,
June 23
8-9 p.m.



Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 8

Remember that campfire smell, the taste of a sticky marshmallow, and the sounds of a summer night? Join naturalists and other campfire enthusiasts to sing songs, roast marshmallows, and enjoy the campfire under the stars!
Leaders: Nature Center Staff

Birds, Bees, & Basswoods in Beech Woods

Saturday, June 24
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults
[Online registration](#) is open



Explore Beech Woods and search for as many "B's" as we can find.
Leaders: Sandy Bivens and BIRD volunteers

The Great American Campout

Saturday, June 24
10-11:30 a.m.



Age level: All ages
Registration not required



Representatives from *The North Face* will be on-hand to discuss everything you ever wanted to know about camping, from what to take to where to go. Bring your questions and curiosity to learn about the newest gear in camping. Visit www.nwf.org/Great-American-Campout.aspx for more information and to sign your pledge to campout!
Leaders: Heather Gallagher and The North Face at Green Hills

Beware the VPs!

Wednesday, June 28
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 13

Investigate the difference between venomous and poisonous organisms and discover how they use toxins to protect themselves. We'll also learn how to identify these fascinating creatures to avoid any possible unwanted encounters.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff



In Search Of... YARD BUGS

Friday, June 30
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not
required



Drop in any time 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to investigate the insects right at your feet. Search for June bugs, grasshoppers, crane flies, and butterflies using magnifying glasses and microscopes.
Leader: Heather Gallagher

JULY

The 100-inch Hike

Saturday, July 1
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 16

Prepare to crawl and explore through the field and forest searching for cool rocks, interesting plants, and amazing invertebrates.
Leader: Heather Gallagher

Summer Star Party



Saturday, July 1
9-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#) is
open

Enjoy the summer stars through telescopes and binoculars. Astronomers and Naturalists will be on-hand with activities to tickle your astronomy side as well as to get you excited about the impending total eclipse. This program meets at the Special Events Field off of Vaughn Road.
Coordinators: Heather Gallagher and Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society

Get Crafty

Wednesday, July 5
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 20

Bring your creativity, wear your messy clothes, and get ready to make arts and crafts from nature.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff

In Search Of... AMPHIBIANS

Friday, July 7
10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Registration not
required

Drop in any time between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to investigate amphibians! Search for salamanders and frogs under rocks, logs, and more. Be sure to wear your grubby clothes and shoes for this adventure.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and David Withers, Tennessee Natural Heritage Division

Full Moon Pickin' Party



Friday, July 7
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Tickets may be
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nowplayingnashville.com

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Coordinators: Friends of Warner Parks

Counting Butterflies

Saturday, July 8
1:30-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 23

Wear sunscreen and a hat as we explore flowers, gardens, and even mud puddles searching for butterflies.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff



Preparing for the Total Solar Eclipse at the Nature Center

Wednesday, July 12
10 a.m.-noon









Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens June 20

Learn about the upcoming total solar eclipse happening this August. Join Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society with solar-filtered telescopes, energy experts from Lightwave Solar, create solar art with the Frist Center for the Visual Arts and learn from Nature Center staff during this celebration of the Sun.
Leaders: Nature Center and Parthenon Staff



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Grand Outings: River Romp	Friday, July 14 10-11 a.m.	Age level: 2-6 years accompanied by a grandparent Online registration opens June 29	The days may be hot but the river is cool! Explore the wonders of the Little Harpeth River through story, exploration and hands-on activities. Make a date with a Grand Person in your life to share your passion for Nature. Limit 2 Grandchildren per adult Leader: Melissa Donahue	
In Search of... CREEK CRITTERS	Friday, July 14 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	 Age level: All ages Registration not required	Drop in any time between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to discover amazing creek critters! Search for crayfish, insects, salamanders, snakes and all things that live in and around Vaughn's Creek. Leader: Rachel Anderson	
The Land Before Warner Parks	Saturday, July 15 9-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Online registration is open	Celebrate members of the Parks' First Families: people who lived, worked, and died on this land. Learn about their home sites, genealogy, and cemeteries and leave with a deeper appreciation of Warner Parks. Leader: Heather Gallagher	
Weather or Not 	Saturday, July 15 1-2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Online registration opens June 30	July can be a stormy time in Middle Tennessee! Learn about clouds, rain, storms, and weather patterns through hands-on activities and observation. Leader: Heather Gallagher	
Whatever Floats Your Boat	Wednesday, July 19 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Online registration opens July 1	Enjoy a day cooling off in the Little Harpeth River as we build, float, sink and rebuild natural boats. Experiment to discover the best design that floats your boat! Leaders: Nature Center Staff	
In Search of... POLLINATORS	Friday, July 21 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Drop in anytime between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and discover what is buzzing in the garden at Warner Park. Search for the bees, butterflies and other insect pollinators who populate this paradise. Leader: Melissa Donahue	
INSECTS OF THE NIGHT	 Friday, July 21 7-9:30 p.m. Age level: All ages Online registration is open	Come dressed as your favorite 6-legged critter and learn about insects through games, activities, night hikes and more. Explore how nocturnal insects find each other in the dark, act out the life cycle of a firefly, and meet a caterpillar (AND the tarantula that crashes this insect party each year). This night of fun is not to be missed! Leaders: Nature Center Staff, Volunteers and Dr. Steve Murphree		
Trail Dogs	Saturday, July 22 6-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Online registration is open	Don't let the Dog Days of summer get you down. Get up early and get outside and volunteer to lend a hand toting our tools along the Mossy Ridge Trail. Leader: Paul Fowler	
Insect Collection Extravaganza	Saturday, July 22 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by and get a peek at the Nature Center's extensive insect collection and discover their diversity of shapes, colors, sizes and forms while exploring the fascinating world of insects. Leaders: Nature Center Staff	



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iNaturalist for Families



Saturday, July 22
10:30 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6 years and up
[Online registration](#) opens
July 7

Bring your smartphone or camera and explore like never before, helping us inventory Warner Parks' flora and fauna. We will fan out across the Nature Center grounds and record as many living things as we can find. You will be surprised how much you see when you take the time to explore.

Leader: Kim Bailey

Garden to Plate



Wednesday, July 26
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens July 11

Summer sun + plenty of water + healthy soil + organic plants = pizza. Using food harvested from our garden, experience the joy of making, and then eating, pizza with fresh ingredients. Everyone "kneads" a pizza from the garden!

Leaders: Nature Center Staff

In Search of... TREES

Friday, July 28
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required

Drop in anytime between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to explore the bark, leaves, seeds, and twigs of trees. Search for and examine hickories, black walnuts, tulip poplars, paw paws, and other native trees.

Leaders: Nature Center Staff

Let's Get Skinky

Saturday, July 29
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#) opens
July 14

They're fast, they're beautiful and they're all over the nature center grounds. Let's get skinky and learn all about these fascinating lizards and other reptiles.

Leader: Rachel Anderson



AUGUST

Full Moon Pickin' Party



Friday, August 4
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages
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purchased through
nowplayingnashville.com

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If These Walls Could Talk

Saturday, August 5
9-10:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
[Online registration](#) is
open

Built in the late 1930s and early 1940s, the historic walls and gates in Warner Parks must have many stories to tell. Listen to some of those stories and share some of your own memories during this interactive history program.

Leader: Heather Gallagher



Get Ready for Hummingbirds

Saturday, August 5
1-2:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
[Online registration](#)
opens July 21









It's time to clean the feeders and make the sugar water. The ruby-throated hummingbirds are migrating south for the winter. The Nature Center has 20 feeders to maintain and you can help us get them ready and learn how to prepare for hummingbirds in your own backyard.

Leader: Heather Gallagher



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The Bountiful Garden	Saturday, August 12 9-10 a.m.	Age level: All ages Online registration opens July 28	The organic garden is at its peak of productivity, full of peppers, tomatoes, okra, flowers, and more. Visit the garden to smell, touch, and taste the healthy produce growing there. Leader: Vera Vollbrecht	
Splash the Trash	Saturday, August 12 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Online registration is open	Join us for a walk on the wet-side and pitch in with the ongoing effort to keep the waters of the Little Harpeth River clean as clean can be. Leader: Paul Fowler	
Grand Outings: Butterfly Encounters	Friday, August 18 10-11 a.m.	Age level: 2-6 years accompanied by a grandparent Online registration opens August 3	Discover the diverse colors, shapes and sizes of Warner Parks' abundant summer butterflies. Through story, exploration and hands-on activities, we will discover the wonders of these colorful insects. Make a date with a Grand Person in your life to share your passion for Nature. Limit 2 grandchildren per adult. Leader: Melissa Donahue	
World Honey Bee Day	Saturday, August 19 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Online registration opens August 4	If you enjoy tomatoes, apples and strawberries, thank a bee! On World Honey Bee Day, the world is buzzing about honey bees. Celebrate these amazing insects and learn how you can help and protect them. Leader: Melissa Donahue	
The 2017 Total Solar Eclipse	Monday, August 21 1-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Prepare to go dark! A total solar eclipse is unlike anything you've seen in your life. As totality approaches, you will see the astonishing sight of day turning to night and the Sun's corona blazing in the sky. Public viewing areas are located throughout Nashville; go to http://www.visitmusiccity.com/visitors/watch for more information. The Warner Parks' viewing site will be the Special Events Field located off of Vaughn Road.	
Summer Hummingbird Celebration	Saturday, August 26 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Crafts, puppet shows, and other activities will celebrate these avian jewels of the sky. The BIRD Team will also be on-hand conducting hummingbird banding research throughout the day. Sponsored by Friends of Warner Parks and The Wood Thrush Shop Leaders: The BIRD Team and Nature Center Staff and Volunteers	
Our Ruby-throated Hummingbirds	Saturday, August 26 11 a.m.-noon	Age level: 8 years and up Online registration is open	Unlock the mysteries of hummingbirds at this question and answer session about one of our favorite birds. Leader: Heather Gallagher	
Hummingbird Research and Observation Methods	Wednesday, August 30 5-6 p.m.	Age level: All ages Online registration is open	What can you do to help hummingbirds? Keeping a calendar and providing a safe habitat are just a few of the things that you can do to ensure the migration of our smallest birds. Hummingbird researchers will also share contributions the BIRD program has made to protect the ruby-throated and other species of hummingbirds. Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Heather Gallagher and Volunteers	

2017 Summer Schedule At-A-Glance

June

- 3: Forest Bathing, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Adults, 18+
- 3: National Trails Day Workday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Adults, 13+
- 3: Summer StoryWalk Reveal, open during park hours, All ages
- 3: Hike the Historic Natchez Trace, 10 a.m.-noon, Adults, 13+
- 3: Hike the Old Roadway, 1:30-3:30 p.m., All ages
- 7: Become a Naturalist, 10 a.m.-noon, All ages
- 9: Full Moon Pickin' Party, 7-11 p.m., All ages
- 10: Take the Mud Challenge, 1-2:30 p.m., All ages
- 14: Celebrate Flag Day, 10 a.m.-noon, All ages
- 16: In Search of BIRDS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., All Ages
- 16: *Grand Outings*: Festive Fireflies, 6:30-8 p.m., 2-6 years accompanied by grandparent
- 17: Avoiding Summer Hazards, 10-11:30 a.m., All ages
- 21: Summer Safari, 10 a.m.-noon, All ages
- 21: Proclaiming the Summer Sun, 10-11 a.m., All ages
- 22: Breeding Bird Walk, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Adults, 13+
- 23: In Search of...POND CRITTERS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., All ages
- 23: Friday Family Progressive Campfire, 8-9 p.m., All ages
- 24: Birds, Bees, and Basswoods in Beech Woods, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Adults, 13+
- 24: The Great American Campout, 10-11:30 a.m., All ages
- 28: Beware the VPs!, 10 a.m.-noon, All ages
- 30: In Search of...YARD BUGS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., All ages



July

- 1: The 100-inch Hike, 10-11:30 a.m., All ages
- 1: Summer Star Party, 9-11 p.m., All ages



July (cont'd)

- 5: Get Crafty, 10 a.m.-noon, All ages
- 7: In Search of...AMPHIBIANS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., All ages
- 7: Full Moon Pickin' Party, 7-11 p.m., All ages
- 8: Counting Butterflies, 1:30-3 p.m., All ages
- 12: Preparing for the Total Eclipse, 10 a.m.-noon
- 14: *Grand Outings*: River Romp, 10-11 a.m., 2-6 years accompanied by grandparent
- 14: In Search of...CREEK CRITTERS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



- 15: The Land Before Warner Parks, 9-10 a.m., Adults, 13+
- 15: Weather or Not, 1-2:30 p.m., All ages
- 19: Whatever Floats Your Boat, 10 a.m.-noon, All ages
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August

- 4: Full Moon Pickin' Party, 7-11 p.m., All ages
- 5: If These Walls Could Talk, 9-10:30 a.m., Adults, 13+
- 5: Get Ready for Hummingbirds, 1-2:30 p.m., All ages
- 12: The Bountiful Garden, 9-10:30 a.m., All ages
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- 19: World Honey Bee Day, 10-11:30 a.m., All ages
- 21: The 2017 Total Solar Eclipse, 1-3 p.m., All ages
- 26: Summer Hummingbird Celebration, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., All ages
- 26: Our Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, 11 a.m.-noon, 8 years and up
- 30: Hummingbird Research and Observation Methods, 5-6 p.m., All ages

